

# Did You Know....

...that you  
live in a watershed?

A watershed is an area of  
land that drains rain and snowmelt  
to a body of water such as Long  
Pond, Irondequoit Bay, the  
Genesee River, or Lake Ontario.

In our community, stormwater runoff  
is the most important source of  
pollution to our water resources.  
When it rains, stormwater flows over  
driveways, lawns, sidewalks, roads,  
and parking lots on its way to the  
nearest entrance into the storm  
sewer system. Along the way,  
stormwater picks up soil, chemicals,  
and other pollutants. In most cases,  
the stormwater system discharges  
this polluted runoff to the  
nearest body of water  
with little or no  
treatment.



# Open the Door to Clean Water

Never dump anything down the  
storm drain!

Recycle motor oil and other auto-  
motive fluids at service stations.

Properly dispose of household  
hazardous wastes (pesticides,  
fertilizers, paints, etc.) at the  
Monroe County Household  
Hazardous Waste Facility.  
Call 760-7600 for an appointment.

Use lawn fertilizers and pesticides  
only when necessary. Call Cornell  
Cooperative Extension, 461-1000  
([www.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.cce.cornell.edu)) regarding soil  
tests and lawn care information.

Clean up pet waste and dispose of it in the  
toilet or trash.

To learn more about reducing stormwater  
pollution, visit the Stormwater  
Coalition of Monroe County website  
at [www.thestormwatercoalition.org](http://www.thestormwatercoalition.org).

